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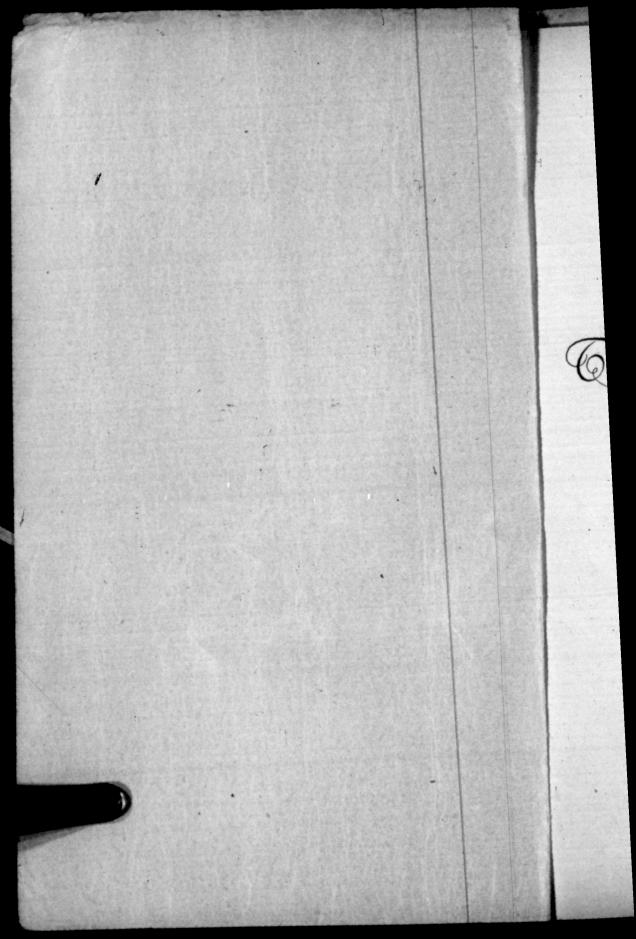
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NEXT SESSION.

Place-Pine Grove, eight miles north of Hickory Flat. Time-Wednesday before the first Sunday in September, 1903. Preacher-J. N. McMillin. Alternate-J. L. Wilson.

OFFICERS.

Elder W. E. Berry, Blue Mountain, Miss., Moderator. J. A. Norriss, Ripley, Miss., Treasurer. J. W. Crump, Pine Grove, Miss., Clerk.

EXECUTIVE BOARD.

Elder J. L. Wilson, Chairman; Elder L. F. Carmichiel, S. Joe Owen, B. G. Lowrey, J. S. Gillentine, A. L. Collins, H. H. Ray, J. W. Crump.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

Call for petitionary letters.

2. Reading of Constitution, Abstract of Faith and Rules of Decorum.

3. Selection of place of next meeting and preacher to preach the introductory sermon.

4. Appointment of committees.

5. Inviting visiting brethren to seats.

6. Appointing correspondents.

7. Call for reports.

8. Election of Executive Board.

9. Miscellaneous business.

10. Calling of roll and marking of absentees.



PROCEEDINGS.

The Tippah Baptist Association met in its fortieth annual session with Mt. Moriah Church on Wednesday, September 3, 1902. The introductory sermon was preached by Elder J. A. Autry at 11 o'clock a. m, Texts: Gen. iv, 10 and Heb. xii, 24. Theme: "The Voice of the Blood," Adjourned for refreshments to 1:30 p. m.

FIRST DAY-AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association was called together by singing "Jesus, Lover of My Soul."

Elder W. E. Berry, former Moderator, read the second chapter of

Ephesians. Prayer was offered by Elder J. N. McMillin.

Moved by Thomas Spight that the reading of letters be dispensed with and a committee appointed to report the names of delegates. committe consisted of Elder J. N. McMillin, Elder J. A. Autry and J. S. Horton.

Proceeded to permanent organization by the election of Moderator,

Treasurer and Clerk.

On motion of Elder J. R. Carter, Elder M. Gillian was authorized to cast the ballot of the Association for the former officers.

Order of Business as printed in Minutes of last year was adopted,

by motion of M. C. Selph.

Called for petitionary letters. None received.

Called for and heard reading of Constitution, Abstract of Faith and

Rules of Decorum.

Selected place of next meeting of this body, which will meet with Pine Grove Church on Wednesday, before the first Sunday in September, 1903; and Elder J. N. McMillin, with Elder J. L. Wilson as alternate. will preach the introductory sermon.

The committee appointed to ascertain names of delegates made its

report, which was received, and committee discharged.

APPOINTED COMMITTEES.

Home Missions—Elder J. N. McMillin, E. T. Doyle, Z. Smith, J. F. Colston.

Foreign Missions-Elder J. R. Carter, Frank Street, E. C. Kidd, H. C. McElroy.

State Missions-Elder W. G. Thompson, J. T. Cox, W. J. Ball,

M. J. Durham. Devotions-J. N. Britt, Jerry Wilbanks, with pastor and deacons of this church.

Publications—Elder J. L. Wilson, W. J. Hollis, J. A. Griffin, G. W.

Deen. State of Religion-Elders H. L. Whitten, W. P. Cavniss, A. B. Davis,

Jeff Lence. Education-B. G. Lowrey, A. A. Graham, T. M. Bennett, J. M. Autry.

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* Temperance—S. Joe Owen, J. D. Wilson, R. A. Cox. Sunday-schools—Thomas Spight, J. S. Gillentine, C. Lee Cox. Sustentation—Elder L. F. Carmichiel, Tom Pollard, J. H. Lowrey, W. R. Gurney.

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Orphanage-Elder J. A. Autry, T. M. Gadd, W. M. Meeks.

B. Y. P. U.—Elder J. N. McMillin, A. C. Anderson, J. S. Horton,

Albert Ray.

Moved by Elder W. G. Thompson that a Committee on Obituaries be appointed, consisting of Elders M. Gillian, L. P. Cossitt, A. C. Vandiver.

Invited visiting brethren to seats.

Recognized Elder W. T. Lowrey from Mississippi College and L. P.

Leavell as representative of State Board.

Appointed correspondents by renewing resolution of last year: That any member of this body in good standing, when present with any other body with which we correspond, shall be recognized as a messenger from this body.

Elder J. N. McMillin, with Elder J. R. Carter, alternate, was elected

delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention.

CALLED FOR REPORTS.

The report of Executive Board and Associational Missionary was read by Elder J. R. Carter and discussed by him. Pending this discussion adjourned to 9 o'clock tomorrow morning. Prayer by Elder W. J. Ball.

SECOND DAY, SEPT. 4.

MORNING SESSION, 9 O'CLOCK A. M.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment, with the Moderator in the chair, and joined in singing "Amazing Grace." The Moderator read the fifteenth chapter of John. Prayer was offered by Elder M. Gillian and also by Elder J. A. Autry.

The Minutes of yesterday were read, corrected and approved.

Called for letters from churches. Received letters and seated dele-

gates from Clear Creek and Fellowship.

Resumed discussion of report of Executive Board and Associational Missionary by Elders J R. Carter, W. E. Berry, J. A. Autry, W. T. Lowrey, J. T. Cox and A. A. Graham and adopted.

JOINT REPORT OF EXECUTIVE BOARD AND MISSIONARY.

Dear Brethren: On February 5, 1902, Rev. St. Clair Lawrence, our efficient Secretary, passed from the walks of men to his reward on high. In his stead I, as Chairman of the Executive Board, and as acting missionary in the Tippah Association under the board, present a joint report of the work of the board and missionary.

The board held its first meeting in September, soon after its appointment. With almost the entire membership of the board present, we

transacted the following business:

1. Arranged for the publication of the Associational Worker according to the order of the Association. The contract was let to the Wilson Bros., of the New Standard Publishing Company, Blue Mountain, Miss., they to furnish material and publish 800 copies per month, at \$8 1-3 per issue. Rev. J. R. Carter was re-elected editor, to give his services free of charge, and Rev. St. Clair Lawrence was elected associate editor and business manager, at a salary of \$50 per annum, which position he filled acceptably until a month before his death.

2. Owing to the weak and pastorless condition of some of our churches, and some destitution in the bounds of our Association, your board, after due consideration, decided to put a missionary in the field, whose duty it would be to work among the churches for the better organization and more systematic effort in their work. Rev. J. R. Carter was chosen for this work, at a salary of \$300, to whom has been committed

largely the management of the affairs of the board,

REPORT OF J. R. CARTER, MISSIONARY.

I began my work October 3, soon after my appointment. My first effort was to visit the pastorless churches and arrange for them to have regular preaching by a regularly installed pastor. With the help of Rev. J. L. Wilson, who took charge of Lebanon Church, also Pleasant Hill, Tippah, I was enabled by December 12 to arrange for all our pastorless churches to have regular pastors. Rev. J. D. Morton accepted a call from Chewalla Church, the board agreeing, through its missionary, to supplement his salary \$15, the church agreeing to pay \$35.

I accepted the care of the little Oak Grove Church without help from the board, in connection with my Ashland work, giving them Saturday and Saturday night appointments. I took this call because I felt that the board could not afford to assume further financial obligations.

At New Prospect \$50 was raised in pledges to pay a pastor, and Brother J. A. Autry was called to the care of the church, but the arrangement failed to materialize, and the church was without preaching until May, since which time I have been supplying as missionary pastor.

We held in August a four days' meeting, during which the church was somewhat revived, two being received by letter, and a subscription

of over \$40 was raised to pay a pastor for the ensuing year.

I feel that this church is very much needed in this section, and hope that some good pastor may be induced to take the work and build up the church.

I have visited several other churches in an effort to stimulate them along missionary and other lines of Christian work. The work has been difficult and not so fruitful as I had hoped, on account of the straitened and demoralized condition of our people, occasioned by the failure in

crops for two years past.

I have done some evangelistic work with some of our weak churches and in destitute sections where there were no churches. I have held three meetings at school houses in which there were nineteenth professions, with many others very much interested, some of whom, I learn, have since made profession of religion.

There is great need of evangelistic work in the bounds of the Association. There is great need for some of our weaker churches to disband and unite with churches reasonably convenient to them, to build up stronger churches, and three or four of these combined to locate a live, active pastor in their midst, and then for these pastors to look after the destitute communities adjacent to them.

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SUMMARY OF WORK.

Besides supplying three churches regularly, and editing *The Associational Worker*, I have in the missionary field traveled 835 miles, proched 91 sermons, made 50 visits for religious purposes, distributed 1,500 pages of tracts, given 57 days in actual service, and collected on the field, State Missions, \$39.56; Foreign Missions, \$7.69. Total, \$47.25.

CONCERNING FINANCES OF THE WORKER.

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Approved by the Executive Board September 3, 1902. Took up a collection and paid off the deficit on The Associational

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The report on State Missions was read by Elder W. G. Thompson; the report on Foreign Missions was read by Elder J. R. Carter, and the report on Home Missions was read by Elder J. N. McMillin. These three reports were jointly discussed by Elders W. G. Thompson, W. T. Lowrey, with B. G. Lowrey and L. P. Leavell.

Pending this discussion adjourned for refreshments to 1:30 o'clock p. m. Prayer was offered by Elder W. T. Lowrey.

AFTERNOON SESSION, 1:30 P. M.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment, being called together by singing, "Work, for the Night Is Coming." Prayer by Elder A. C. Vandiver.

Resumed discussion of the three reports by B. G. Lowrey, J. A. Autry,

J. R. Carter, W. T. Lowrey and adopted.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

State Missions, in our opinion, next to that of our church work, lies next to the base in the evangelization of the world, since the churches that have been established and helped by the board are the most liberal supporters of the work in evangelizing the world. Industrial and commercial progress is the spirit of the muses, and material advancement is the spirit of the times. On every hand we see the way opening up; space has been annihilated, so that we are brought face to face with the world; therefore we have an open door as we have never had. Let us therefore enter in with enthusiasm. We are glad to note the increased interest in the work, even in our own association, looking for the difficulties in the way of prosecuting the work. The work is great, the difficulties are discouraging, but God is in the work, so success is ours if we will come up to the help of the Lord. The work will succeed. Let us take courage from the reports from the fields, both from our own missionary and the report of our State board, to which we refer you.

W. G. THOMPSON, M. J. DURHAM, W. J. BALL, J. T. COX.

Committee.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The word missionary means "one sent," and in this sense Jesus Christ was God's great Missionary to this world.

And Jesus said to his disciples: "As the Father hath sent me into this world, so I send you into the world;" therefore, all of his disciples are missionaries.

As the Son of man came to seek and to save the lost, so his disciples are sent forth into all the world to seek and to save the lost.

We believe that it is the duty of every disciple to preach, either directly or indirectly, the gospel to every creature, and we believe this duty was imposed upon us by Jesus Christ, to whom we are personally responsible; and feeling that this duty is fearfully neglected by many, we earnestly recommend that every pastor and minister within our bounds preach frequently during the year to their respective churches upon the subject of Foreign Missions and take up a collection and forward whatever amount is collected to Brother Berry, who will see that it reaches its proper destination. The report of the Foreign Board shows the following encouraging results:

We had last year 1,439 baptisms. This is by far the largest number of any year in our history. Let us pray God for 2,000 this year. The receipts of the board went up to \$173,439.49. The largest amount ever received heretofore was \$156,083.33 for the previous year. Let us pray God to open our hearts, so that we shall give \$200,000 this year. We sent out twenty new missionaries and six more are under appointment and will

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Our work on foreign fields is progressing well along all lines. The expenses of the work have been very moderate—less than 5 per cent for collecting funds in the States—and the expenses of the Foreign Board is less than 8 per cent. We have much to encourage us. Let us push the work for the glory of God and the salvation of souls.

J. R. CARTER, Chairman, E. C. KIDD, FRANK STREET, H. C. WELROY,

Committee.

HOME MISSIONS.

This department of our work includes the Southern States, Indian Territory and Cuba. There were during the last conventional year 674 missionaries, who reported 8,150 baptisms, 231 churches instituted. 398 houses of worship built and improved, and 674 Sunday schools organized. The receipts of the board were, in cash, \$9,895.29. Of this amount Mississippi gave \$4,465.39.

The Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention does its work in co-operation with the different State mission boards. The Home Board last year spent in this way in our own State the sum of \$2,000. Work is carried on among our native white people of the South, in our great cities, in destitute sections of the country, among the foreign populations, and also work for the negroes. There is no department of our work that is of greater importance. It should appeal strongly to all of our people, and every church should see to it that it makes a contribution to this work. The field is white unto the harvest.

Respectfully,

J. N. M'MILLIN, E. T. DOYLE, J. F. M. COLSTON, E. SMITH,

Committee.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

The original meaning of the word "education" is "a building up." The religion of Christ is the greatest "building up" force that the world has ever seen, hence his people ought to be ready to join hands with every really building up movement. We, the Baptists, claim to be holding fast to the principles of the religion of Christ as they were originally delivered; hence we ought to be the leading "builders up" in every line. We must therefore be great educators.

As Dr. Alderman has well said, "Ignorance is not good for anything." Ignorance is weakness; intelligence is strength. If we would be a people strong in power to propagate the principles of the gospel of Christ and to administer beneficently to fallen and suffering humanity, we must be an intelligent people.

"Loads of learned lumber in the head" will not take the place of religion in the heart and life, but a heart filled and thrilled with the love of hin and h educa

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of love of him who "went about doing good," joined with a mind trained to think and hands trained to do, is the highest earthly attainment; hence we must educate.

As to schools, we would indorse and recommend to our people those where Christ is lifted up, those where the effort is to develop not only intellect, but consecrated Christian character, and those where the influence is Baptist as well as Christian. Our denomination is to be congratulated on the splendid success of the recent effort to endow our own Wississippi college, and on the work which that institution has done and is doing. We especially urge that our people now give this school their patronage and fill the halls of our own college with our own boys instead of entrusting those boys to the schools of other denominations, or even of our own denomination in other States.

B. G. LOWREY, A. A. GRAHAM, T. M. BENNETT, J. M. AUTRY,

Committee.

The report on Education was read by B. G. Lowrey, spoken to by Elder W. T. Lowrey, and L. P. Leavell and adopted.

. Adjourned to 9 o'clock tomorrow morning. Prayer by Elder J. L. Wilson.

THIRD DAY-MORNING SESSION.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment, called together by singing "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name." Elder L. P. Cossett, who acted in the Moderator's place at this hour, read the thirty-fourth Psalm. Prayer was offered by Elder M. Gillian. The Minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

The report on Obituaries was read by Elder M. Gillian and adopted. We, your Committee on Obituaries, submit the following report. While we rejoice to have the privilege of meeting in another session of the Tippah Baptist Association, we remember with sadness that in the dispensation of the all wise providence of God, it was his will to call from labor to refreshments some of our beloved brethren—to wit, Elders W. D. Lanchaster and St. Clair Lawrence, who were well known by us al!, and who were bold and fearless defenders of gospel truth. These beloved brethren have ceased from their labors and their works do follow them. Their deaths were indeed precious in the sight of their Master. They went at his bidding with heavenly smiles to cheer and enrapture their departing spirits.

Brother W. N. Milligan, one of exemplary character, after a life of piety and devotion to God, was also called to lay down his armor and put on the crown of everlasting joy.

M. GILLIAN, L. P. COSSETT, A. C. VANDIVER,

Committee.

The report on Sustentation was read by Elder L. F. Carmichi. discussed by him and adopted.

REPORT ON SUSTENTATION.

We, your committee, beg leave to report the following: We think that aged ministers and the widows of deceased ministers are too much neglected. We have another class, the widows and the unfortunate, among us who should not be neglected, whether they be Baptist or not. We hope that each delegate will place this matter before his church. Let us go where the Lord leads, especially into the homes of the sick or distressed in the community of each church. Certainly Christ would have us do this as his servants.

L. F. CARMICHIEL, J. H. LOWREY, W. R. GURNEY,

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The report on the Orphanage was read by the Moderator, spoken to by him and Elder J. R. Carter and adopted.

REPORT ON BAPTIST ORPHANAGE.

May 12, 1902, ended the fifth year of the Baptist Orphanage, located at Jackson, Miss. This is a home, as has often been stated, managed and controlled by the Baptists of the State, with Rev. L. S. Foster as superintendent. The object in the establishment of the home was to care for the homeless, parentless children throughout the State, regardless of the faith of the parents; and what success has been met and what ends have been reached may be seen from the following:

Passing from a rented room in which the orphanage was opened in 1897, we went to a cottage in North Jackson to escape the yellow fever. In 1898 the Moore & Burford cottages were built and soon filled to overflowing. In 1899 the George Muller cottage was built, and in the latter part of 1899 all rent ceased. Until September, 1900, the children went to the public schools of Jackson, but since that time school has been taught forty weeks in the year at the orphanage. Passing on to 1901-2 Jennings Hall was built, which gave room in all for about 125 children. Advancing from \$20 per acre, the \$112 acres of land is now worth \$100 an acre. The total valuation of buildings, land, etc., is \$34,000.

The receipts for the five years have been in cash \$36,000. The cash receipts during the financial year have been \$10,593.26, but owing to the expenses in fitting up and furnishing the new buildings this has not been sufficient to meet the demands. Besides cash receipts, numerous things, such as clothing, supplies, etc., have been received. The current expenses amount to about \$350 per month, and will with only a few more children reach \$400 per month. During the five years 113 fatherless, motherless and homeless children have been cared for, 66 being now in the orphanage. Others are asking for admittance.

Brethren, too much aid cannot be given in this noble work, for it is a work in which God's mighty hand is seen. It is a work that is in harmony with the feelings that characterize the truest of God's children, and accords with God's word, which says: "Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this: To visit the fatherless and widows in their afflictions and keep himself unspotted from the world." "He that hath pity for the poor lendeth unto the Lord."

Brethren, God in his holy habitation is a father of the fatherless

through the help of his people. Respectfully submitted.

W. M. MEEKS, T. M. GADD, J. A. AUTRY,

Committee.

Took up for the orphanage \$4.50 in cash; pledges, \$107.25; total, \$113

Adjourned for preaching to 1:30 p. m. Preaching by Elder J. N. McMillin from Matt. xii, 20. Theme: "The Tenderness of Jesus."

AFTERNOON SESSION, 1:30 P. M.
The Association met pursuant to adjournment, with the Moderator in the chair. Called together by singing. Prayer was offered by L. P.

The report on Sunday Schools was read by Thomas Spight. After discussion by himself and L P. Leavell this report was adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The Sunday school is sometimes called "The nursery of the church" Whether this be true or not is largely a question of fact or a construction of existing conditions. That the Sunday school better prepares those who attend for an intelligent understanding of the word of God no one will Children who have been brought up in the Sunday school are better informed in the Scriptures than the average old man or woman of the past generation, and a clearer exposition of a given passage of the word of God can be obtained from a Sunday school boy or girl of 10 years of age than you will ordinarily get from a man or woman of 40 or 50 years who has had no Sunday school training. Christ said: "Search the Script ures, for in them ve think ve have eternal life, and they are they which testify of me." No one, saint or sinner, can doubt that this is true. Then will you or not neglect the study of the grandest Book of all the To those who honestly and earnestly seek to know the revealed will of God the Bible is the only Book. To those who would find the purest diction, the noblest thought, the grandest sentiment, we can commend no more worthy repository than the old Bible of our mothers.

When looking over the list of churches that have Sunday schools and those which have not, we are impressed that there is more difference in inclination than in convenience. If one country church can have a Sunday school, why cannot others do so? We suggest that the clerk of every church in this Association which has no Sunday school be requested to state in his next report why there is no Sunday school in his church. We have eighteen churches with no Sunday schools and ten with Sunday schools.

Respectfully submitted.

THOMAS SPIGHT, J. S. GILLENTINE J. FINCH RAY, C. L. COX,

Committee.

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The report on Publications was read by H D. Wilson. After discussion by the Moderator this report was adopted.

Your Committee on Publications beg leave to submit the following:

The printing press is a most potent factor exerted either for the true and the good or the false and the evil. The publications issued by any sect, organization or community are the most available and powerful means of disseminating its teachings and popularizing its doctrines. But the dependence of denominations and even of civilization upon Looks and papers for their maintenance need not be argued before intelligent, and thinking people.

We are told on every hand that this is a day of many publications and much reading. This is no doubt true. Yet it is our observation that many of our people do not read, or what is worse, read a cheap and transient sort of literature that is positively hurtful and demoralizing. Especially is this true in communities removed from churches and selools. What a man reads largely indicates what he is and what he is able to do. It has always been true that reading gives information and stimulates thought. But since we may know and think things to our detriment, even to our moral and spiritual destruction, as well as to our development and edification, it is of vital importance that we read and read only what is good.

Your committee would therefore recommend and impress the paramount importance of reading the Bible. It may wisely be made the textbook in working out the great problems of life. In this Book of books are to be found ample rules to guide us in our dealings with our fellow-men and in the pursuit of eternal life. As helps in our Sunday school work, we recommend the literature of the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. For instruction in our home and foreign mission work we recommend the Home Field and Foreign Mission Journal. Every Baptist in the State should keep in touch with the denominational State institutions and with the work of the great body of Baptists within the bounds of our State. For this we recommend The Baptist, our State organ. We take pride in commending this paper for its able and vigilant efforts to build up all of our State institutions. It is a sound expenent of the teachings of the Baptist denomination. The Baptist is our paper and deserves our support.

> J. L. WILSON. W. J. HOLLIS. G. W. DEAN. J. A. GRIFFIN

Committee.

The report on Temperance was read by H. D. Wilson, spoken to by himself, A. A. Graham, A. H. McAllister, Elders J. R. Carter, J. N. McMillin and adopted.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Notwithstanding the Christian influences that hold in check the evils abroad, yet many petty but insidious dissipations sap the young manhood of our country. Among these we would especially mention the cigarette habit. We commend the efforts put forth by the colleges of the State to. suppress the evil among students, and of the business enterprises to suppress it among their employes. We pledge ourselves to discourage by precept and example the habit of cigarette smoking among boys and voung men.

Recognizing in the social drink an insidious snare lurking as an animal of prey among our social institutions, we demand of all church members total abstinence from all alcoholic beverages.

The following resolution was adopted by our Baptist State Conven-

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"To the Legislature of the State of Mississippi:

"The Mississippi Baptist Convention, representing 112,000 white Baptists living within the State of Mississippi, respectfully petition your honorable body to enact a law absolutely prohibiting the sale of intoxicating liquors, for beverages, in Mississippi."

We heartily indorse this resolution and pledge ourselves to support

the same with our votes. Respectfully submitted.

H. D. WILSON.

The report on B. Y. P. U. was read by Elder J. N. McMillin, discussed by him and adopted.

B. Y. P. U. REPORT.

The Baptist Young Peoples' Union has been tested by several years' trial. Its purpose is the training of our young people for service. To reach this end three distinct lines are followed: Systematic Bible study, the study of missions, the study of doctrine. This leads to more constant, intelligent and efficient service and to a healthful cultivation of the devotional spirit. To have a useful union means much work and a fixed purpose to keep at it.

We should like to urge upon our people an investigation of this work. It is a work which can be carried on in the country churches, and if faithfully done will increase both the number of workers and their efficiency in the service of our Lord. Samples of literature can be hid by addressing The Baptist Union, of Chicago. There is also a column on

this work in The Baptist each week; also the daily Bible readings

Respectfully submitted, J. N. M'MILLIN.

The Treasurer's report was read by the Moderator and adopted.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

Raised in pledges \$78 for The Associational Worker and ordered its continuation.

The sum of \$29.95 was reported as the minute fund. The following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

1. The thanks of this body are due and are hereby tendered the Moderator, Treasurer and Clerk for faithful services rendered; and the Clerk is instructed to take \$10 from the fund for Minutes for his services.

2. That we extend thanks to the good people of Mt. Moriah and

community for their kindness and hospitality during the sitting of this body.

The roll of delegates was called and absentees marked.

The Minutes of the day were read and approved.

Joined in singing "How Firm a Foundation," during which singing the delegates extended to each other the parting hand.

The closing prayer was offered by Elder J. R. Carter.

ELDER W. E. BERRY, Moderator.

J. W. CRUMP, Clerk.

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

NAME.	POSTOFF!CE
J. A. Autry	Pine Grove, Miss.
W. J. Ball	Myrtle Miss
W. E. Berry	Blue Mountain Miss
W. C. Barnes	Hickory Flat Miss
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TL. P. Cossitt	Blue Mountain, Miss.
J. T. Cox	
E. J. Eubanks	Jonesboro, Miss.
M. Gillian	Ashland Miss
H. F. Lipford	Ashland, Miss.
J. D. Morton	Tippah Miss
Joseph Pearce	Riploy Miss
H. B. Russum	Canage Miss.
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J. L. Walker	Hickory Flat, Miss.
J. L. Wilson	Blue Mountain, Miss.
D. C. West	Ashland, Miss.
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NAMES.	POSTOFFICE.
A. W. Bynum	 Canaan Miss
S. H. Flake	 Walnut Miss
C. L. McNinch	 Michigan City, Miss.
J. H. McDowell	 Ocala Miss
C. L. Wilson	 Blue Mountain Miss

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE, 1. This Association shall be called the Tippah Baptist Association.

ART. 2. It shall be composed of persons who shall be duly elected delegates by the respective churches belonging to this union. The Moderator, Clerk and the Executive Board shall be ex-officio members of the next session.

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ART. 3. The delegates representing the different churches shall, at the opening of each Association, present the letters specifying their appointments, and also showing the number baptized, received by letter, discussed, excluded, restored and dead during the year, with the whole number in fellowship.

ART. 4. Every church belonging to this body shall be entitled to three delegates until they number fifty members, and then one for each fifty

over that number.

ART. 5. Churches of this union failing to represent themselves for three successive meetings shall be considered as dropped by the Association.

ART. 6. New churches may be admitted into this body, signifying their wishes by letter and delegates, provided these be orthodox and are

willing to walk in fellowship with us.

ART. 7. This Association shall have a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, who shall be chosen at each annual meeting (by private ballot) so soon as the letters from the churches are read and members' names enrolled.

ART. 8. This body shall have no power to adopt rules that shall infringe upon the independence and rights of churches, yet it may drop such churches as may become disorderly either in doctrine or discipline.

ART. 9. This body shall have a fund for its expenses, and churches may send up funds for Domestic and Foreign Missions or for the Bible cause. This Association will take charge of such funds and appropriate them as designated by the churches.

ART. 10. If any church have a difficulty with another churcic, we advise them to take steps laid down in the eighteenth chapter of Matthew and no difficulty between churches shall be entertained by this body unless

such steps have been taken.

ART. 11. When churches of this union have gifts which they deem worthy of ordination, we advise them to call on sister churches for two or more ministers to set apart such gifts to the work of the gospel ministry, according to the New Testament, and we advise all presbyteries in the ordination of ministers and deacons and consitution of churches to be governed by the abstract of principles of this Association.

ART. 12. This Association shall correspond with sister Associations

of the same faith and order.

ART. 13. The Minutes of this body shall be read, corrected and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the session rises. No session shall adjourn, unless in extraordinary cases, until it has finished all its business.

ART. 14. The Association shall have an Executive Board, consisting of the Treasurer, Clerk and six other members, who shall be chosen annually

ART. 15. This Constitution may be altered or amended at any annual meeting by majority of two-thirds of the members present.

ABSTRACT OF FAITH.

1. We believe in only one living and true God—the Father, Son and Holy Ghost—and these three are one.

2. We believe the Bible to be the word of God, and it is our only rule of faith and practice.

3. We believe in the total depravity of human nature, and that man

is dead in trespasses and in sin.

4. We believe that salvation is the gift of God by grace, through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, and that sinners are justified in the sight of God alone by the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ, which is unto and with them that believe.

5. We believe in the doctrine of election-that God has from the beginnig chosen us to salvation through sanctification of the spirit and belief of the truth.

6. We believe that the Holy Spirit accompanies the word of God in the salvation of man, in answer to prayer of Christians.

7. We believe in the final preservation of the saints, and that all who

truly believe shall be eternally saved.

8. We believe in baptism by immersion alone, and that none but true believers are proper subjects of the ordinance, and that none but regularly baptized and ordained ministers have a right to administer it, and that it is a prerequisite to the Lord's Supper, and that all who come to the Lord's table must come according to the Lord's word.

9. We believe that a gospel church is a band of true believers in Christ. who have been regularly baptized upon a profession of their faith in him, and that there are but two officers in the church, the elder or pastor and

the deacon.

10. We believe it to be the duty of each church to extend and circulate

the word of God as far as their means will enable them to do so.

11. We believe in the resurrection of the bodies of men, and in a future and general judgment, and that the happiness of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked shall be eternal.

RULES OF DECORUM.

The Association shall be opened by prayer.

2. The Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by the members present by private ballot.

3. The Moderator shall be considered the judge of order, but any member not satisfied with his decision may appeal, provided the appeal be made

on the same day, but at no subsequent time.

4. The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privilege of speaking as other members, but shall not vote unless his vote be necessary to decide the question. If he rises to speak he shall call some brother to take the

5. All questions brought before the Association shall be introduced When a subject has been taken up and a reasonable time allowed for discussion, the Moderator shall call for a vote, and if a call for a division be made it shall be decided by the members rising.

6. Any member desiring to speak shall rise and address the Moderators. Only one member will be allowed to speak at a time, who shall not be interrupted while speaking unless he depart from the subject or make

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7. No person shall speak more than once upon any subject until all who wish to speak shall have had an opportunity, nor more than twice upon any subject without permission.

8. All subjects introduced for discussion shall be disposed of before another shall be offered, unless it be laid over by motion, with the consent

of the mover and the Association.

9. The Association shall in all cases be governed by a majority of the members present, except in reception of churches; when a unanimous vote shall be required. But in no case shall one member or church prevent the reception of a church without cause shown, which shall be determined by a majority.

10. The names of members shall be called when the Association shall direct and absentees marked. Any member wishing to retire shall obtain

permission of the Moderator.

11. The appellation of "Brother" shall be used in addressing each other, and only Scripture titles in our Minutes.

12. Any member violating these rules shall be subject to reproval by the Moderator, but only on the day the breach shall have been made

13. Amendments or alterations may be made to these rules when a majority may deem it necessary.

MONEY RAISED BY THE CHURCHES FOR MINUTES.

Academy\$1.30	Mt. Olive
Ashland 1.00	New Hope
Bethlehem	New Macedonia
Blue Mountain 3.00	New Prospect 1.20
Beulah 1.20	Oaklimeter
Bluff Springs	Oak Grove
Canaan 1.25	Pine Grove
Chewalla	Pleasant Hill (T)
Clear Creek	Pleasant Hill (B)
Curtis Creek 1.00	Providence 1.00
Falkner 1.00	Ripley 2.50
Fellowship	Shady Grove
Flat Rock 1.45	Union 1.50
Harmony	Unity
Hickory Flat	
Lebanon	Total\$29.85
Mt. Moriah 1.00	

CONTRIBUTIONS OF CHURCHES.

CHURCHES.	Pastor's Salary	Ministerial Education	Home Church Expenses	State Missions	Foreign Missions	S. School .' Expenses	Totals
Academy	\$ 95.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 16.80				\$ 130.90
Ashland	100.00		2.00	32.20	6.00	11.30	151.50
Bethlehem			75	7.00	6.15		13.90
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Harmony	5 00		75				14.90
Hickory Flat	100 00	10 50	1.40				8.75
Lebanon	60.00	18.50		2.75	2.00	2.76	
Mt Moriah	60.00		,50	5.75			66.25
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New Macedonia	27.50			3.00		1.95	61.91
New Prospect	51.00		1.20	70			52.90
Oaklimeter			30	******			30
Oak Grove	25.00		40	1.61			65,61
Pine Grove			.75	2.50			3.25
Pleasant Hill (T)			60	1.15			
Pleasant Hill (B)			75	5.00			5.75
Providence	100.00		23.00		13.55		136.55
Ripley	200.00		192.02		20 00	14.00	426.02
Shady Grove			1 00	15.60		21.00	16.60
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HISTORICAL TABLE.

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Academy		\$ 5.85	\$ 8.25	\$ 3.25			\$ 22.35
Ashland	6.00		17.20				33.20
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